

MAY IMPEACH GOV. HORTON

No Investigation of Betts Murder; Slayer Also Dead

Olin Betts, 22, Is Buried in County Cemetery Saturday

RECORD IS CLOSED

His Father-in-Law, Who Shot Him, Died of Pneumonia

When Olin Betts, 22-year-old farm youth, died last week of gunshot wounds inflicted last September authorities announced no plans for the prosecution of a murder charge.

The man who shot Betts, his father-in-law, had died of pneumonia during the winter.

Betts succumbed to his bullet wounds Friday, and was buried at the Betts cemetery eight miles from House, Saturday. His death occurred at the home of his mother, Mrs. John Betts, in this city.

Betts, who was said to have been separated from his young wife, had an argument with her father, Bob McNatt, in a field on a south-county farm last September, and McNatt shot the young man through the abdomen and spine. Betts never recovered of the wound, and died eight months later.

Following the shooting, McNatt surrendered to officers and was indicted for assault with intent to kill, at the October term of the Hempstead grand jury. But he will never be brought to trial. He died of pneumonia several months ago.

Associated Press Honors Heiskell

Resolution at El Dorado to Be Given Late Member's Family

EL DORADO.—(AP)—Douglas Hotchkiss, editor of the Hot Springs Sentinel Record, was elected chairman of the State Association of Associated Press Editors at the annual spring meeting here Sunday.

He succeeds Henry Humphrey, managing editor of the Texarkana Gazette.

The association voted to hold the fall meeting at Texarkana.

The visiting editors, representing newspapers which are members of The Associated Press in Arkansas, were guests of C. E. Palmer, publisher of the El Dorado News-Times, and T. J. Simmons, managing editor of the News-Times, at a luncheon following the meeting.

A committee composed of Alex. H. Washburn of the Hope Star and E. Marion Riggs of the Hot Springs News Era was appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the recent death of Fred Heiskell, managing editor of the Arkansas Gazette, to be sent to the Heiskell family and to the Gazette.

Mr. Heiskell long had been a member of the state association.

Clyde Dew, veteran member of the Gazette staff who succeeded Mr. Heiskell, was introduced at the meeting and in a brief talk paid tribute to Mr. Heiskell and expressed a hope that he might carry out the policies of his predecessor.

Clio Harper, secretary of the Arkansas Press Association, a guest at the meeting and luncheon, urged those present to attend the annual convention of the press association at Fort Smith next month.

A general discussion of The Associated Press service was held.

Those present included Mr. Palmer, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Hotchkiss, Mr. Humphrey, Charles Goslee, and Mr. Riggs of Hot Springs News Era; Hubert Park, Arkansas Democrat; Mr. Dew, Mr. Washburn; Wick Temple of the Texarkana Gazette; Bob McMillan, Robert Hays, M. F. Friesen and W. D. Palmer of the El Dorado News-Times and Correspondent J. C. Clark and Editors J. B. Crossley and H. N. Dorris of the Little Rock bureau of The Associated Press.

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As Flames Enveloped Spanish Monastery



Spain still seethes with the spirit of revolt, although the "bloodless" revolution ousted Alfonso and established a republic. Above is one of the first pictures taken as mobs stormed through the streets and halted for a moment to watch the old Jesuit College Monastery, in Madrid, as flames were destroying it.

Grand Jury Bar to Negroes Refuted

Arkansas Supreme Court Fails to Find Proof Negroes Were Barred

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—The mere absence of negroes from the grand jury was held by the Arkansas Supreme Court Monday to be insufficient to prove prejudice against a negro defendant.

The court upheld the conviction of Cassell Hannah, negro who was sentenced to life imprisonment in Hot Spring county for the murder of H. C. Vandye, 63-year-old Kosciusko (Miss.) barber.

Hannah's lawyers contended the indictment should have been quashed as negroes were barred from the grand jury.

U. S. Inspector to Visit City Airport

Department of Commerce Man Flying Here With Carroll Cone

An airport inspector for the Department of Commerce investigating landing fields along the proposed route of the Louisville-Little Rock-Dallas mail line, will arrive in Hope Monday afternoon.

He is accompanied by Carroll Cone, well known Arkansas air pilot. They left Little Rock by plane the middle of the morning, bound for Arkadelphia and an inspection there. From Arkadelphia they jump to Texarkana, for luncheon, and will stop in Hope on their return trip the middle of the afternoon.

The launching of the Louisville-Dallas air mail line is expected this summer, surveys of landing fields being about completed.

Man Found Slain, Killer Is Sought

Find Physician's Body on Vacant Lot With Three Wounds

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Joseph T. Loughlin, 39, a Brooklyn surgeon, was shot to death early Sunday in what police say was a duel with a man whom the doctor accused of carrying gossip to his wife.

The physician's body was found in a vacant lot in Brooklyn, a bullet behind the right ear and two in the body. His wife, Marguerite, claimed the body at the morgue.

Police said Loughlin left his home Saturday accompanied by a cousin, Howard Bridgetts, 30, a broker. Mrs. Loughlin told the police the doctor had challenged Bridgetts to come out and "fight it out." The doctor did not return. Police are seeking Bridgetts for questioning.

Mrs. Loughlin told police she had quarreled with her husband a short time ago, but her attorney had brought about a reconciliation.

Radio Soothes Cows at Milking Time

HORTON, Kans.—(AP)—Radio has been pressed into service to increase the milk production of dairy cattle. A set, installed in the barn of Mrs. Mary Blakely, and placed at milking time, resulted in such uniform contentment among the cows that the average milk production was two pounds greater per month than previously.

City Recorder Is Taken to Hospital

Fred Webb, Veteran City Official, Critically Ill at Hospital

City Recorder Fred Webb was removed from his home to Josephine Hospital late Saturday critically ill. His condition Monday noon was reported unchanged.

The city official, aged about 80, was stricken all about two weeks ago, and confined to his bed. He had been unable to attend the last two sessions of the city council, his position being filled temporarily by Alderman W. A. Lewis.

Almyra Youth, in Swimming, Drowns

Joe Newcomb Loses Life in the LaGrue Creek Reservoir

STUTTGART.—Joe Newcomb, 21, of Almyra, 12 miles southeast of here, drowned about 4 Sunday afternoon while swimming in a LaGrue Creek reservoir, several miles from his home.

Clay Turpin, who brought the body to the Turpin Funeral Home here late in the afternoon, said Newcomb was in the water with several other Almyra youths when he got beyond his depth. Friends said that Newcomb was unable to swim.

Newcomb was employed on his mother's farm near Almyra. He is survived by his mother and several brothers and sisters.

Negro Fined For Liquor Possession

County-Township Raid Monday Nets \$50 Fine in J. P. Court

Adolphus Reed, negro, was arrested at his home at Hazel and Fifth streets, this city, Monday morning and arraigned by county and township officers in the justice court of S. F. Huntley on a charge of possessing whisky.

Deputy Sheriff Allen Shipp and Deputy Constable Joe Hutson made the arrest. They seized five and a half gallons of whisky. Reed pleaded guilty before Justice Huntley and was fined \$50 and costs.

Bonds Will Cover Farm Credits Act

Half-Million Issue Authorized to Repay Highway Loan

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—The Highway State Board Monday instructed State Treasurer Roy V. Leonard to advertise for bids on a half-million-dollar bond issue to repay the State Highway Department for funds advanced to agricultural credit corporations under the Toland Farm Relief Act.

The bids will be received June 24. Victor Kleiber, chief clerk of the State Highway Department, said the repayment would not affect the road reconstruction program as commitments for new work were based on repayment, and the money will therefore go to pay for contracts already under way or about to be started.

Man Is Murdered at Helena Levee

Martin Mallory, 45, Found Dead Monday Morning

HELENA.—(AP)—The body of Martin Mallory, 45, missing since Sunday, was found Monday morning in a pit between the levee and the river near here.

Officers believe Mallory was slugged and shot in the back with his own shotgun, which he was carrying when he left home to hunt rabbits.

Texarkana Will Enlist Guard Unit

Establishment of Headquarters Company Is Announced

TEXARKANA.—Establishment in Texarkana of the headquarters company, First Battalion, 153rd Infantry, Arkansas National Guard, was announced here after preparations extending over a number of weeks.

The unit, numbering about 25 men and officers, will be under the command of First Lieutenant John W. Mayo, Maj. Basil E. Newton of Little Rock, commander of the battalion, hopes to have enlistments completed and the company mustered in for duty by June 1. He visited in Texarkana Sunday to confer with Mayo and some of the personnel.

Writes Own Obituary Then Attempts Suicide

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(AP)—Leo Blocher, 35, is a considerable man.

When he decided to commit suicide, he mailed an obituary covering four typewritten pages along with his picture to a local newspaper, then slashed his wrists. The suicide attempt was a complete failure, but his picture was published anyhow.

Pacifist Is Denied Citizen's Papers

Chief Justice Hughes Dissents From Majority Opinion

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The United States Supreme Court Monday declared that Douglas C. McIntosh, Canadian Baptist minister and professor of theology at Yale should be excluded from naturalization because he refused to bear arms in all circumstances in defense of the United States.

Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes dissented from the majority opinion of the court.

Chief Justice Hughes urged that the religious scruples of those opposing war be respected inasmuch as congress had not required all citizenship applicants to take up arms.

Shoots Self While On Fishing Trip

W. G. French of Ft. Smith Killed Accidentally Near Poteau, Okla.

FORT SMITH.—W. G. French, aged 38, of Fort Smith, was killed Sunday when he accidentally shot himself while on a fishing trip near Poteau.

Mr. French, who went to Poteau with his wife to celebrate his birthday at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ray was fishing on the bank of Bravil creek, nine miles north of Poteau, when the accident occurred. Two youths who accompanied him said he reached for a 22 caliber automatic rifle which was lying behind him on the creek bank, and caught the trigger on a twig, sending a bullet through his head. He was killed instantly, and his body fell into the creek.

His wife, Mrs. Myrtle French, was slightly injured when returning from the scene of the tragedy. The automobile in which she was following the car containing her husband's body was struck by another machine. She suffered minor bruises on the head.

Besides his wife, Mr. French is survived by a daughter, Nannie, aged 5, and one brother, Chauncey French of Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Chinese Students Will Scrub Floors

PEIKINK.—(AP)—The education commissioner of Hunan province, Li-Ching-tsai, has issued an order that students in governmental schools must thereafter do the janitor work in their schools, to cut down expenses, according to the Chinese press here.

This is new departure for China, where students have traditionally not been expected to do work with their hands.

Mr. Li said that educational funds are very low, and students should be glad to help make it possible for every student who so desires to get an education. So they are requested to wash floors and water gardens in the schools.

Parnell Answers St. John Editorial On Audit Failure

Governor Declares Powers of His Office Are Made Available

REPUBLICAN HERE

St. John's Statement Was Printed by Hope Star Saturday

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—Governor Parnell Monday promised to aid any auditor selected for the job, to obtain the desired information about State Highway Department records.

The governor's statement was in reply to an editorial published by V. W. St. John of Mena, member of the Highway Audit Commission which recently declined to make a contract for an audit of the State Highway Department.

The governor said he pledged the full power of his office to get a comprehensive check of highway expenditures.

Editor's Note: Mr. St. John's editorial in the Mena Star was republished by Hope Star on the front page of Saturday's edition. It was taken directly from Mr. St. John's newspaper, in which the Mena man outlined the Highway Audit Commission's reasons for refusing to proceed with an audit contract, believing that the 1931 audit law prohibited a true audit.

May Be Witness Against Mother

Woman Is Charged With Killing Her Daughter's Father-in-Law

AUBURN, N. Y.—(AP)—A bride of one year may appear as a state witness in the trial of her mother, who is charged with stabbing to death John Debatas, 46, the young woman's father-in-law.

A Cayuga county grand jury recently indicted the mother, Mrs. Rose Allico, 44, of Sodas, N. Y., for first degree murder in connection with the slaying. The indictment charged Mrs. Allico slew Debatas with a butcher's knife.

The slaying of Debatas culminated a year old feud between the two families which started when Catharine Allico married Adrain Debatas.

Although both families objected, Debatas was infuriated after the marriage and refused to see his daughter-in-law or any of her relatives.

On March 14, according to police, the bride appeared at the Debatas home and tried to effect a reconciliation, but was ordered from the place. She returned with her mother, police said, and in the argument which ensued, Debatas was stabbed fatally. The families lived one mile apart.

Mail Plane Pilot Perishes In Mishap

Rain and Snow Drives Aviator to Death in Pennsylvania

BELLEfonte, Pa.—(AP)—A post-winter flurry of snow and rain drove Air Mail Pilot James D. Cleveland to his death on the top of Uttiny mountain just east of here early Sunday.

Harrassed by snow and by gusty winds that drove rain about him, he failed by a few feet to clear the top of the rugged peak, careened for 500 feet through mountain scrub and boulders, and then died in the cockpit of his plane. The branches of the scrub tore the wings from his plane, shattered the gasoline tank, giving fuel to fire that broke out apparently as the ship came to a stop.

Just over the ridge, little more than four miles away, attendants at the Bellefonte airport saw the glare in the sky as the ship, and its pilot with it, burned on the mountain top.

The 1000 pounds of mail he carried was destroyed. Officials of National Air Transport, operators of the air mail line, said they could not tell, pending a check, whether any was of particular value.

Pup Swallows Shotree

NAGARA FALLS, Ont.—(AP)—A successful operation for removal of a shotree from the stomach of a five-months old English bulldog was performed here recently. An X-ray showed the location of the shotree, and an incision in "Sir Don's" stomach made its removal possible.

Tennessee Probe Shows Political Hand of Luke Lea

Autos Top Utilities In Ohio's Economics

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—(AP)—In Ohio the automobile outranks gas, electricity and the telephone in extent of use.

Figures from Ohio State university's bureau of business research show there is an average of one passenger auto to every four persons in the state, while gas consumers represent one-fifth of the population.

Electricity and telephones are installed for one person in every six.

Cotton Declines During Last Week

May 19th Established the Lowest Price Recorded For Season

MEMPHIS.—(U. S. Dept. Agriculture)—The cotton market during the period May 16 to 22 declined slightly with quotations May 19 touching the lowest point reached so far this season, when the average of the ten markets for middling 7-8 inch was 8.41c.

Both domestic and European demand was said to have improved a little with inquires mostly centered on white middling and strict middling in lengths 7-8 inch and 16-18 inch. The volume of spot transactions was limited with such business as was done covering small lots for immediate and prompt shipment. The average price of middling spot cotton May 22 was 8.54c compared with 8.90c May 15 and 15.07c on corresponding day year ago.

Sales spot cotton reported by the ten markets for the week amounted to 25,442 bales, compared with 19,966 for previous week and 19,298 for like week year ago. The average price received by producers in the United States on April 15 was 9.3c per pound, compared with 9.6c March 15 and 14.7c on April 15, 1930. Price movements during the past few weeks have been largely influenced by the declines in sales of cotton textiles and by prices in the stock and other commodity markets. Exports are now only about 100,000 bales below those of last season, and to May 22 amounted to about 6,200,000 bales, against 6,300,000 a year ago.

According to the Weather Bureau, the week ending May 19, warmer and more favorable weather prevailed in the cotton belt during the latter part of the week, but the belt as a whole was abnormally cool which retarded germination and growth of early-planted cotton. The Crop Reporting Board, in revising acreage, yield and production of the 1930 cotton crop estimates the area in cultivation in the United States on July 1, 1930, to have been 48,100,000 and the area harvested 43,100,000 acres, and the yield of lint cotton 147.7 pounds per harvested acre. Boll weevil damage in 1930 was very low with losses reported 5.0 per cent for the cotton belt proper. Loss from this cause in 1930 was lower than in any year with the exception of 1925 since boll weevil invasion of

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The Star's Platform

CITY

Apply the revenues of the municipal power plant to develop the industrial and social resources of Hope.

Improve city pavement in 1931, and improved sanitary conditions in the city and business back yards.

Support the Chamber of Commerce.

COUNTY

A county highway program providing for the construction of a certain amount of all-weather road each year, to gradually reduce the dirt-road mileage.

Political and economic support for every scientific agricultural program which offers practical benefits to Hempstead county's great industry.

Encourage farmer organizations, believing that co-operative effort is practical in the country as it is in town.

STATE

Continued progress on the state highway program.

Efficient reform, and a more efficient government through the budget system of expenditures.

Free Arkansas from the cattle tick.

Judge Martineau Generalizes

FEDERAL Judge John E. Martineau, speaking before the Arkansas Bar association at Hot Springs Friday, belittled the efforts of the Highway Audit Commission with this statement:

"The only thing the best auditing concern in the world could produce would be a political issue for the next gubernatorial campaign."

Judge Martineau's interference in a political circus from which he voluntarily retired in 1928 is becoming rather marked. He allowed his name to be used during the 1930 campaign for governor when, in an address at Fort Smith, he endorsed the present State Highway Commission and Governor Parnell.

But the judge's words fall on stony ground today.

This newspaper has no less confidence in the State Highway Commission than Judge Martineau, but what he says concerning the futility of an audit, will be challenged by every business man in the state.

Judge Martineau, because he was elected on a good road platform in 1926, and sponsored the highway funding act which bears his name, feels free to generalize on the wisdom and character of the men at the head of the Highway Department, and the foolishness of holding an audit.

The judge may believe that—but it isn't sound business or good law, and it certainly isn't good politics. If what the judge says were true, there wouldn't be any need for government supervision of the banking business. There were men of great wisdom and sound character in charge of numerous Arkansas banks a few months ago. But today some of those banks are closed—and the people are demanding government supervision as they never demanded it before.

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The judge is wrong. The only thing that will save the Highway Department from becoming a political issue in 1932 is an audit. The trend of public opinion is unmistakable. In 1930 the Arkansas Gazette was considered to be in the Brooks Hays camp, but *The Star* and most of the papers supported Parnell. The Gazette has pioneered the highway audit movement, and has been joined within the last two weeks by virtually every paper in the state except the Fort Smith American and the Times-Record, which are owned by J. S. Parks, a member of the State Highway Commission. The criticism of the administration has been pronounced in such newspapers as Pine Bluff, Helena, Blytheville, El Dorado, Camden and Hope, not to mention many others.

The tide of 1926 swept a road-building government into office, and built the structure upon which the present Highway Commission reposes. Will the ebb of that tide in 1932 sweep all of their successors away?

The history of democratic government is a history of machines. There is nothing fundamentally wrong with political machines. Every republic has them. A machine is merely a group which recruits its strength with the promise of small-fry appointments and other governmental favors. There are benevolent machines and then there are dangerous machines.

Young machines are usually benevolent machines. But as they grow old they fall into dangerous ways.

Many a machine starts off by building roads and winds up selling pardons and stealing millions. It's merely a question of time.

Some of our readers are going to charge us with being corrupt and cynical ourselves. Well, what political machine has run as long as six years without a public scandal? The Road-building administration has been in office four years. Why not have an audit now and cut out the scandal two years hence?

No More Birthdays

JOE COYNE and George Grossmith have returned to the West End stage to remind every one that age is merely a point of view.

"Some day an enlightened civilization will do away with the absurd tyranny of age certificates. The question, 'How old are you?' will be relegated to the dark ages, when men looked at absurd calendars to find out how far they had gone on life's journey."

How old is a motorcar built in 1929 and driven carefully for 5,000 miles? How old is a motorcar built in 1930 and driven recklessly for 25,000 miles?

Mr. Coyne and Mr. Grossmith should head a crusade to do away with birthdays.—*Daily Express* (London).

When an Old Law Is Costly

YOU saw in this newspaper Saturday that some 2,400 tracts of land in Hempstead county are going to be put up for public sale June 8.

Most of that land won't be sold—which you know as well as we do.

Hundreds of owners will come in and pay off. Even where the land is technically sold, the owners will come in and pay back taxes, and it will be theirs again.

Our point is that very little of the above 2,400 tracts of land is going to actually change hands. All this is merely a paper transaction, and the one and sole purpose is to collect taxes.

This is a queer way of doing business, but governments are like that.

We are bringing this to our readers' attention today because of the staggering cost of this 60-year-old law. For the printer's and clerk's services, the law levies 60 cents per tract. This year's delinquent tax list is costing the landowners of Hempstead county in the neighborhood of \$1,400. The bill for all the landowners of Arkansas will exceed \$100,000.

This is a queer way of doing business, but governments cost is greater than ever. But in no year would it be just, and it never would be economical—the law governing the handling of the delinquent land sale is simply out-of-date.

In this article, we are talking against our own interests. We printed the list, and will collect the printer's fee of 50 cents per tract. In the last legislature there was some effort to reduce the printer's fee. It had been 25 cents a tract ever since 1873, but the 1929 legislature doubled it. That was logical and just—everything else had doubled during that time.

The issue is not what fee will be charged, but how much of the delinquent land list should actually be advertised and offered for sale. The fee is fair, for compiling so enormous and complicated a legal document. But is all that monstrous document necessary?

If only 10 per cent (or whatever the percentage actually is) of delinquent lands are actually and permanently sold, why not revise our tax collection machinery so that this useless and costly labor is avoided, and the penalty to the delinquent landowners reduced accordingly?

We speak feelingly on the subject, because this writer helped the courthouse folks check the delinquent land list against the records at Washington all last week. It amounted to 91 page pages of legal-sized paper. It paralyzed all other courthouse activities for nearly two weeks.

The public officials of Arkansas dread that delinquent land list. The printers get most of the money, but every time we print that list we too wonder whether it's worth while.

Here is what we are driving at: Why wouldn't it be more sensible to place tax delinquency on a cumulative basis, allowing taxes to run at compounded interest up to say half the assessed valuation of the property—and then order the property advertised and sold?

The accruing interest burden would be penalty enough on the taxpayer; and then the delinquent list would be short and business-like, and would mean something.

In outlining this plan to someone, we were told that a similar procedure is followed in Texas, where taxes are said to run sometimes for 20 years. We aren't familiar with the Texas law. It might be worth while for the Arkansas legislature to look into.

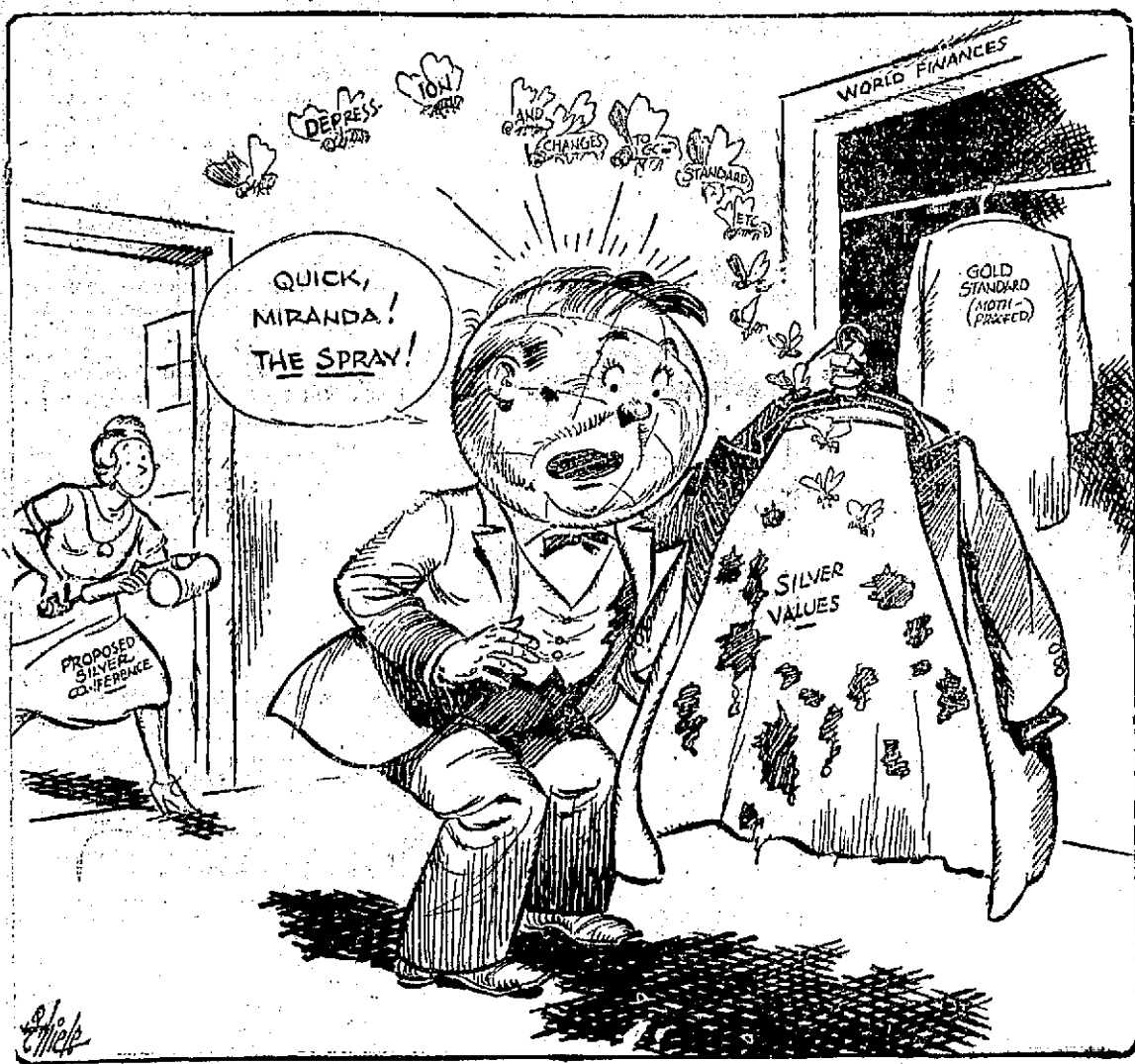
As we see it, the present Arkansas law inflicts a terrible handicap upon county officials, and a trial and tribulation upon the taxpayers. The delinquent land list is big or small, depending upon the cash money in circulation on the farm each year. Why shouldn't the state adopt a law permitting the farmer to pick the best of several years in which to pay up taxes?

The most serious objection to our proposal is that it might encourage a greater percentage of permanent delinquency, resulting in actual loss of property, and a decline, therefore, in the total number of home-owners. That would be a calamity. But would the increased delinquency be sufficiently large to offset the advantage to the landowners as a whole?

We would like to hear from some of our readers on this subject. Any law that increases the operating cost of the tax collection machinery raises farm rents, and is of interest to every citizen, whether landowner or not.

Earlier in this article we said we were talking against self-interest, because we happened to publish the land list and earn the printer's fee. But every citizen's true interest is bound up in what happens to his country in the long run. As a newspaper we always aim to publish the full facts concerning government; and if Arkansas, by adopting a modern law, can gain a few years in competition with other states, making the tax charges against its land a mite cheaper and enabling the products of that land to be sold under the products of other states—then this will be a better state to live in, and this is a reform worth striving for.—W.

Hi, Lookit What the Moths have Done to Our "Silver Lining"



News Of Other Days

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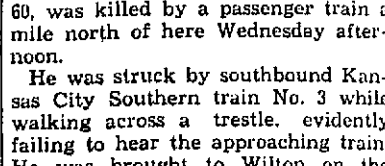
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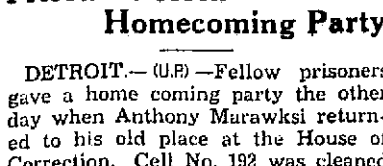
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Walking Champ



you see Harry L. Clark of Boston as he did so in the 50,000-meter national A. A. U. Walk at Franklin Park, in the Massachusetts capital. His time was 5 hours, 26 minutes, 41 seconds.

American Cars Travel 8,019 Miles Per Year

WASHINGTON.—(U.P.)—Each car and truck in the United States last year traveled an average of 8,019 miles, according to figures recently announced by the American Motorist Association.

The method used by the A. M. A. in computing this figure was to use the total of the gasoline sales from all states, 15,759,000,000 gallons of gasoline, and the total number of registered vehicles, both pleasure and commercial, which computation showed that gallons were used by each car on the average of the year 930. On the assumption that the average car travels 13.5 miles per gallon, the A. M. A. figured that 12,687,537,000 miles were traveled by machines last year, or an average of 8,019 apiece.

"This figure, of course, is an average, but may be regarded as fairly accurate," said J. Borton Weeks, president of the motorists association, in explaining the method of computation.

John W. Wheeler Is Hurt in Auto Crash

TEXARKANA.—Three prominent Texarkana men and a guest were injured in an automobile accident on the road to Longview, Texas, Thursday.

John W. Wheeler, former president of the Texarkana National Bank, received a broken left arm, cuts and bruises when the auto, owned by Charles M. Conway, native of Hempstead county, ran off the road and turned over. Mr. Conway was slightly injured, as were two other companions, John DeGrazia, of Texarkana, and Robert Chambers, of Chicago.

Mr. Wheeler was treated at a Marshall (Texas) hospital, and returned home.

More than \$32,000,000 in federal funds will be spent in Nevada this year, for government buildings, Hoover Dam work and munitions depot construction.

Daily WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER

NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON.—In good times, more than fifty billion dollars of our national income is spent in American retail stores.

Nearly everyone buys "at the store." It is the producer's vehicle of distribution and its tieup with a national condition of prosperity or depression is obvious.

But although the country's diminished purchasing power has automatically reacted against the retail stores, our merchants have stood the strain far better than in the 1920-1921 slump, which caught them heavily stocked with merchandise, then belabored them with sudden and drastic price declines as well as loss of sales.

Now Merchants Buy Carefully

That was the dawn of a new era in retail merchandising, according to President D. F. Kelly of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, who heads a large Chicago department store.

Kelly explained at the International Chamber of Commerce Congress here that merchants subsequently adopted a permanent policy of conservative buying, placing orders only to cover limited requirements and becoming especially cautious about style and seasonal goods.

"This policy of conservative buying has without doubt been one of the saving factors for merchants during the recent period," Kelly said.

Kelly gave much of the low-down on the stores, which you and I patronize nearly every day. For instance, although the chain stores have made rapid inroads on American retail trade and you seem to find them now on every other corner, they still do only 18 per cent of that retail trade.

The rest of it is divided up as follows: Departments and general merchandising stores 16 per cent., mail-order houses 3.6 per cent., company stores operated primarily by industrial concerns for employees 3 per cent., house-to-house canvassing 2.3 per cent., consumers' co-operative stores four-tenths of one per cent.—and independent stores outside those classifications 56.7 per cent.

Retailers' Costs Mount

Kelly took a slam at the theory often held by manufacturers and other folks that retailers get the lion's share of the profit in production and distribution.

Exposures have mounted steadily in the last decade, he cited surveys to show, and profits have often decreased as fast. Many stores have a net operating profit, but many—even in 1929, the last year for which figures are available—did not.

The Harvard Business School found that among department stores doing a two-million dollar business or more, each \$100 of operating expense was divided up like this (showing what becomes of much of the money you leave in a department store): Payroll, \$61; rent and operating plant and equipment, \$15; advertising, \$10.50; taxes, \$1; interest, \$6; supplies, \$5; light, heat and power, \$2; traveling, \$1.50; communications, \$1; repairs, \$1; insurance, depreciation and professional services, \$2.50; and unclassified, including bad debts, \$3.50.

Department stores have developed by laying special emphasis on service to customers whereas chain stores have curtailed service and operated "cash and carry," Kelly said, but some chains lately have shown a tendency toward granting credit and free deliveries to customers.

Mail Order Sales Drop

A large portion of the mail order business has been diverted to stores at the trading center during the past decade because of automobiles and good highways. That's why two of the largest mail order houses have established chains of retail stores.

Stores doing a credit business usually find that 50 per cent. of their sales are made on that basis. Payments on charge accounts frequently lag 30, 60 or 90 days, or more beyond the date when payment is officially expected. Credit losses on open charge account sales average only about four-tenths of one per cent. Losses in installment sales by stores normally range from one to one and a half per cent.

The peak of installment sales, including automobiles, was in 1925 and they totaled for that year \$6,179,000,000. The extent to which credit losses of both classes increased in 1930 is not yet known, but it is certain that they increased.

Bond Issue For New Clark Jail Is Sold

ARKADELPHIA.—The \$50,000 bond issue authorized by a special act that voted at the last Clark county election to provide finances for a new jail in this city has been sold to J. D. Brock, of Hot Springs, the contractor who paid par.

Brock was the successful bidder at \$41,000. Judge George Wells and the other members of the commission said work on the new jail will start just as soon as the temporary jail can be constructed on the same block where the old jail sit.

Bob Mackey, of this city, who has the contract for the construction of the temporary prison, has started clearing ground. Ground will be broken for the new structure about June 1.

Piles Go Quick

Without Salves or Cutting

Itching, bleeding, protruding piles are caused by bad circulation of the blood in the affected parts. The parts become weak, flabby, almost dead. Only an internal remedy can remove the cause—that's why salves, suppositories and cutting fail. Dr. Leonhardt's prescription, HEM-ROID, succeeds because it removes congestion, restores circulation, heals and strengthens the diseased parts. HEM-ROID has such a wonderful record of quickly ending even piles of long standing, that Ward & Son say one bottle of HEM-ROID Tablets must end your file agony or money back. Adv.

Notice

According to our records 309 car owners have not yet purchased their 1931 city auto tags. This tax carries the same penalty as the state license law.

Please save embarrassment for yourself and for us by securing your tag, and displaying it on your car at once.

JOHN VESEY, Mayor.

CLAUDE STUART, Chief of Police.

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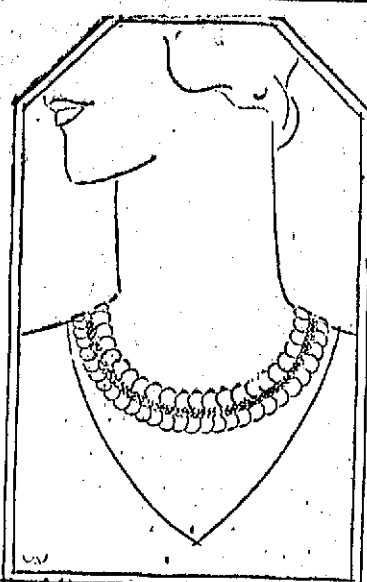
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Mrs. Sid Henry Telephone 321

The day is done, and the darkness falls from the wings of night. As a feather is wafted downward from an eagle in his flight. Come read to me some poem, And shall soothe this restless feeling. And banish the thoughts of day. Not from the grand old masters, Not from the barbs sublime, Whose distant footsteps echo Through the corridors of time. Read from some humbler poet, Whose songs gushed from his heart, As showers from the clouds of summer, Or tears from the eyelids start. Such songs have power to quiet, The restless pulse of care, And come like the benediction That follows after prayer. Then the night shall be filled with music, And the cares that infest the day Shall fold their tents, like the Arabs, And as silently steal away. —H. W. L.



THIS IS Schlapparelli's new sport necklace made of discs and beads of white opaque stone

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Billingsly, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bailey motored to Lewisville, Friday evening to see the Junior play, which was directed by

Miss Mary Billingsly, instead of Miss Mary McRae as stated in these columns Saturday.

Miss Merle Vick of the Junior High faculty spent the week end visiting with home folks in Arkadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Webb had as week end guests, Mrs. Webb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Moore of Gurd.

Mrs. Orville Erringer, Miss Evelyn Johnson, Mrs. Eddie Spragins and Mrs. Pat Duffie spent Friday visiting with friends in Atlanta Texas and Tennessee.

Mrs. Charles Haynes, Mrs. R. T. White, Mrs. J. M. Houston, Mrs. Kendall Lemley, Mrs. C. S. Lowthorp, Mrs. Harry Lemley and Mrs. Roy Anderson motored to Camden Monday where they were the luncheon guests of Congressman and Mrs. Tillman B. Parks.

Mrs. Roy Anderson spent the week end visiting with relatives in Little Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kinser were hosts on Saturday evening to the members of the Friday Contract Bridge club and a few special guests at their home on South Main street. The rooms were aglow with a quantity of beautiful summer flowers and attractively arranged for three tables. Guests other than the club members were Mr. and Mrs. Kline Snyder and Mrs. Geo. Robison. The club prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. M. M. McCleughan and W. Q. Warren and the guest prizes to Mr. and Mrs. Kline Snyder. At the close of the game, a delicious salad plate was served.

Miss Lovena Ruggles spent the week end visiting with friends in Little Rock.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Henry motored to Prescott for a short visit Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Cannon, who was a member of the Mona Public School faculty during the past school term, arrived home last week to spend the summer vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Cannon.

Walter Anderson, coach in the Fordman High School, spent the week end visiting with friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Berkson, who have spent the past ten days visiting with Mrs. Berkson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCorkle, will leave Tuesday for a stay in Kansas City and Chicago, before returning to their home in New York.

Mrs. Fred Stroud has returned from a visit with her parents, Judge and Mrs. A. P. Steele in Ashdown.

LAST TIMES TODAY
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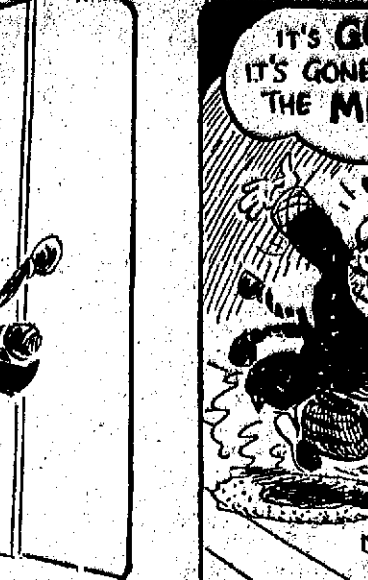
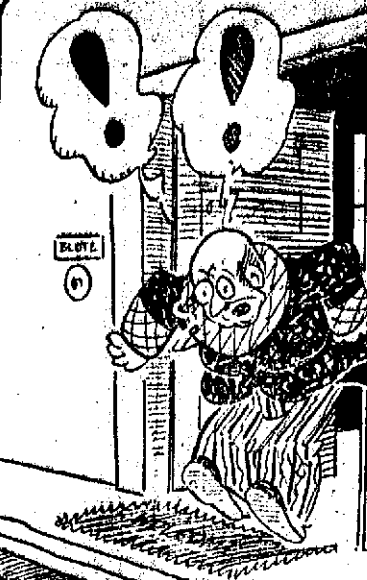
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This picture is not recommended for children.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN is Coming

MOM'N POP

ON SPITE OF ALL LAMBER HANK'S PROMISES TO FREE HIM, CHICK IS STILL IN THE JUG. BUT MOM HAS A SCHEME ON FOOT TO GET HIM OUT AND IT'S COMING ALONG FAST

LOOK! HERE'S AN INSIDE SHOT OF THE BLOTZ HOME. HE'S THE NEIGHBOR WHO PUT CHICK BEHIND THE BARS FOR SWINDLING HIS MILK

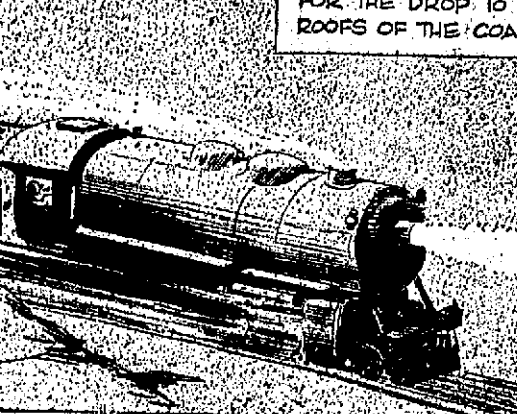


FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

YOU'RE GOING TO KAMP OFF THIS BRIDGE ONTO THE TOP OF MY DADDY'S TRAIN??

SURE!! YOU THINK I HAVEN'T THE NERVE, DON'T YOU?

AS THE EXPRESS COMES SLIDING UNDER THE BRIDGE, FRECKLES HAS HIMSELF ALL POISED FOR THE DROP TO THE ROOFS OF THE COACHES...



Freckles Takes the Chance!

WHAT IF SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN TO YOU... THEN WHAT??

YOU WOULDN'T WANT YOUR DAD TO DRINK THAT COFFEE AND WRECK HIS TRAIN WOULD YOU??

THAT'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I MISS THIS CHANCE



By Blosser



Flees Captors, Breaks Legs



NEA Los Angeles Bureau "Trix," owned by Mrs. Marie Lunn of Los Angeles, is patiently waiting until the moment splits can be removed from his broken legs. Missing for a week, the dog was apparently stolen, but escaped probably by a flying leap, fracturing both forelegs. A kind doctor put splints on the legs and returned "Trix" to Mrs. Lunn.

Lincoln Accused of Mental Disorder

Paper Prepared By Former Toronto, Ontario Professor

NEW YORK.—(AP)—A paper classifying Abraham Lincoln as a sufferer from definite attacks of a mental disorder, to be given by Dr. A. A. Drill, former Columbia University Psychiatry clinic head at Toronto, Ontario, June 5, before the American Psychiatric Association evoked bitter protest from Dr. Edward E. Hicks, Brooklyn, Psychiatrist Saturday.

Dr. Hicks has entered formal protest with the president of the association against the speech.

unable to pay for the removal of the house which was occupied by the Garvey family. The Garveys refused to move.

The road was paved in 1925 up to the cellar wall in the rear of the house and to the property line in the front.

Recently the Lackawanna County Commissioners, under authority of an act of Legislature passed in 1929, came to the aid of the borough officials and provided the necessary damage funds for the removal of the house.

During the legal fight a few years ago, when John Garvey, a son, was playing on the football team at Yale, a New York newspaper published an article christening the house in the headline "Johnny Garvey Holds Down Line at Yale While His Mother Holds Down the Line in the House in the Middle of the Road."

Barbecue to Be Given by Firemen at Camden

CAMDEN, Ark.—The annual bar-

Magnolia Summer School To Open Monday

MAGNOLIA.—The summer term of Magnolia A. & M. college will begin Monday and continue six weeks. A large enrollment is expected. Courses will be offered for college credit to students who have completed 15 units in a standard high school, or who meet entrance requirements. Courses also will be offered for high school credits. These include special educational courses for teachers.



AN EXAMPLE of the new "linc kid" spectator sports oxford. It is of beige bid with stitching in dark brown. The "lace" effect is accomplished by punching, achieving an appearance and feeling of airiness.

Larger Wool Crops Forecast For 1931

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—This year's production of wool is expected to surpass last year's because of the increased stock and more favorable weather conditions, the Bureau of Agricultural

Gives 1000 Jobs



"Lady Bountiful" to Austria's unemployed is lovely Frau Erna Von Hart, above, wealthy industrialist, who made over one of her most profitable factories to create 1000 more jobs. The factory is run on a co-operative basis to assure each worker a definite income.

Two Zoo Hyenas Kill Wolf in Cage

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—(AP)—A wolf might have been a match against one hyena, but he couldn't withstand the charge of two.

Salt Lake zoo keepers found that out the other day when they discovered the door between the hyena and wolf cages open. Inside the wolf's home was found the body of its inhabitant. The hyenas had managed to open the door and, simultaneously, spring upon the wolf and killed it.

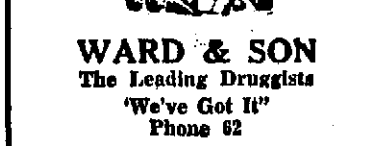
Says Movies Endanger Child's Mental Life

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(AP)—The 9,000,000 children in the United States who are among the weekly moving picture attendance, are subjecting themselves to dangerous influences, Mrs. Dorothy



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Firestone Predicts Steady Betterment

OGDEN, Utah.—(AP)—No sharp upturn but a gradual business improvement is apparent throughout the nation, according to Harvey Firestone, rubber magnate.

"This slow but steady process," he said, "will serve effectively to build a firm foundation for the complete return for prosperity." Firestone was en route to Los Angeles from Akron, Ohio.

Tips Fifteen Cents For Returning \$1,400

EL PASO, Tex.—(AP)—A lot of thanks and a 15 cent tip were the rewards given Jennings Lee, 31, bell boy, for finding a bill fold with \$1,400 in it.

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